

About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

STORES CLOSED SATURDAY

According to agreement, all Elba stores announce they will be closed on Saturday, July 4. At the Appreciation Day program last Saturday, Dozier Roberts announced the drawing would not be held on July 4. It will be postponed until July 11 with accumulated benefits.

DR. FRAZIER KILLED

Dr. William H. Frazier, brother of J. Frank Frazier of Elba, was fatally injured in a collision between his car and one driven by Miss Amelia F. Frazier of Rock Hill, S. C. Funeral services were held in Charlotte Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Frazier is the former president of Queens College, Charlotte, N. C. and a Presbyterian minister.

J. Frank Frazier, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Marshall, Ben and Frazier, attended funeral services.

VACATION POSTPONED

A trip by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Mathis to visit the Ben Mathis family in Chickopee, Mass. has been indefinitely postponed because of a slight heart attack suffered by Mr. Mathis Thursday.

Ben is an Elba product who has made good in the military service and in the business world. He reached the rank of Lt. Col. in the Air Corps and now heads a large automobile sales agency in Chickopee.

BIG GAME EXPEDITION

Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Edmondson, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Edmondson and small sons, Sammie and Bobbie left early Tuesday morning on a vacation trip to Lookout Mountain, Tenn. and other points of interest. They expect to visit relatives at Fairburn, Ga. on their way back home.

In commenting on thrilling experiences they expected to have, Sammie and Bobbie said their grandfather had promised to buy them bows and arrows with which to kill mountain lions and other big game.

BETHLEHEM CAMP MEETING

Starting Thursday, July 9 and running through Sunday night, July 19, the Bethlehem Camp meeting will be held on the beautiful camp grounds located between Hartford, Ala. and Bon-Hay, Fla.

TWO HOMES

Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Farris and family are now at their Elba home after spending some time at their beach cottage at Sunnyside. They say it keeps them busy going back and forth and taking care of both their Elba home and new cottage.

CLEO AT IT AGAIN

Cleo Hawkins reports he recently caught two 18-pound carp below the power house on Pea River. He also caught four smaller ones.

In looking over The Clipper files of 27 years ago, we found where a 13-year-old boy was crowned near Abbeville while trying to land a 27-pound carp.

FLORIDA TOUR

Roy E. McDowell, Mrs. Mary Newton and Robert, left Monday morning for a week's vacation tour of Florida. They expect to go down the West Coast and return through the central part of the state. Mrs. Newton was born on the eastern edge of the Everglades and said she has always wanted to see what the western section looks like. Roy spent four years of his boyhood days in the Everglades and said he enjoyed the fishing and good hunting of that vast wilderness more than any other thing he has done in his life.

FURNITURE DISPLAY

K. D. Thomason of Lindsey, Thomason Furniture Store, is preparing himself for a strenuous "walk" in the near future. When he will cover more than ten acres on foot. That would be his summer visit to High daughter of the late G. H. and Point, N. C. for the semi-annual Irene Cooper Clark.

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Clifford Cook Badly Burned

Clifford Cook, who operates a grocery store and service station near the forks of the Troy-Brantley Highway in Elba, was painfully burned by gasoline flames about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Cook started to run but Mr. Morrow caught him and rolled him in a ditch, tearing off Mr. Cook's flaming pants.

These roseate and optimistic reports are tempered with the statement that the boll weevils are really walking about, and will undoubtedly do a lot of damage to the cotton unless showers cease long enough to allow poisoning. There is nothing to be desired so far as the cotton stalks or "weed," as it is commonly called. If the boll weevil can be controlled, a bumper cotton yield for this region is in prospect.

Crop Outlook "One of Best"

It is a wonderful experience to make a tour of the rural sections of the county. Wherever one may go, crops are looking as fine as most have ever seen. Frequent showers during the past three weeks interspersed with plenty of sunshine has made all kinds of crops simply outdo themselves in the growing line. Pastures, lawns and gardens have recovered from the drought which prevailed throughout this area for several weeks and are now as pretty and green as one could wish to look at. Many farmers are saying they can't remember seeing crops improve more than they have in the past three weeks.

Weather Holds Up Sot ball

On account of rain the games in the Adult and Junior softball leagues were postponed last week. On account of the hold-up, the games will be played later.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Independents	4	1	.800
Veterans	3	1	.750
Dorsey Reds	2	2	.500
High School	2	2	.500
Dorsey Blues	1	5	.200
Jaycees	0	5	.000

JUNIOR STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pct.
11th Grade	4	0	1.000
8th Grade	4	0	1.000
10th Grade	1	4	.200
Independents	5	0	1.000

LITTLE LEAGUE

In the Little Baseball League the Donald Bowdoin are out in front in games won, followed by the Mack Wise club. The Richard Head team is third and the

School Boards Still in Disagreement

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As a broad policy on which to base an agreement, James Wise said the city is ready to take its pro rata share of all old debt and bond issues that must be paid back out of the 3 mill countywide tax. The county board would not agree to any course of action until they were certain they would not have to assume all the old obligations themselves.

L. J. Harrell, new county board member from Enterprise, offered to work out an agreement with his city council and board of education on what part of the old county school debts they would assume. A special meeting was set for Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock to hear his report and then attempt to apply the same yardstick to an agreement with Elba city schools.

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COFFEE COUNTY MEN IN THE SERVICE

LEWY P. MORROW

An efficient firing range has been provided for the 6147th Tactical Control Group Air Base Squadron in Korea through the efforts of Lt. Lewy P. Morrow, officer-in-charge of the range. Lt. Morrow, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewy Morrow of Elba, has instructed the range on the use of the carbine. Practice runs have improved the shooting ability of the airmen and cut malfunctions of weapons in firing to a minimum.

SCS SERVICE CHANGES MEN

James E. Holland, native of Covington County near Gantt, will take over the Soil Conservation Service duties of Charlie Harper July 6, it was announced this week.

Mr. Harper has been transferred to Monroeville. Mr. Holland served in the Navy during the war and is a graduate of APL, Auburn. He has been working with the SCS in Geneva, Dale and Elmore counties. He is married and has two children, both boys ages 5 and 3.

6 from County Will Attend Convention

New Brockton and Elba will be represented by a delegation of six at the International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Yankee Stadium, New York, beginning July 19.

H. Grady Harper, presiding minister here and head of the delegation, said the group will travel by charter bus with a delegation from Montgomery.

Attending from here besides Mr. Harper are Mrs. Harper, Leann Harper, Mrs. Rosie Sack, Mrs. Olivia Padgett and Lawana Padgett.

that schools would have to be consolidated or teacher units cut. (Last year the county hired four more teachers than authorized.) Consolidation would also help cut transportation costs, they believe.

FINANCES TIGHT

Kermit Crook, presenting a resume of county board finances, reported the school system was not in the red. According to his figures, \$117,944.53 will be available to the county between now and Sept. 30, 1953 (new fiscal year). There is a payroll for this period of \$116,627. That leaves the board a balance of \$1,282.26 as of Sept. 30. No expenses may be incurred by the board if they want to keep from having a deficit.

The \$117,944.53 the county is supposed to receive does not allow for the possibility of the state deducting some funds for Elba city schools. Mr. Crook said it was unlikely the state would turn any money over to the city.

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On hiring teachers, the board decided when there were two applicants for the same job, the person holding the highest grade certificate should be hired.

L. F. Farris, education superintendent of Elba, and Carl Brooks both mentioned the fact

Golden Wedding Celebrated

Rev. & Mrs. E. B. Paul

Rev. & Mrs. E. B. Paul, formerly of Elba, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, July 5 at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. Wilson, 1 Morningview Drive, in Montgomery from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Paul was pastor of the Elba Methodist Church for four years, the last being the year of the great flood in March 1929.

Rev. & Mrs. Paul observed their 25th wedding anniversary the previous year, 1928.

Insurance office. She was employed for two years as secretary to the late W. H. McMillan, one of the outstanding lawyers of Eufaula. When he died she returned to Elba. She says she was in this office that she learned to like legal work as well as gain a lot of knowledge that helps her in her present job.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH WORK

Miss Clark is an ardent Episcopalian, a member of the Business Women's Circle of that church and a past president of the Three-in-One Study Club.

Which she is still a member. She is treasurer of the Elba Coffee County Chapter of the Red Cross, a past secretary of the Six District of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and at one time was voted outstanding club woman of the year by the "Three-in-One Study Club."



FOLSOMS AT HOME: Above is pictured the Folsoms at their home in Cullman after returning from a two-months vacation in the West and in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Reading left to right are: Rachel 13, Jack 3, "Big Jim," Mrs. Folsom, Bama 2, Little Jim 4, and Melissa 10.

Official Traces Family Tree 100 Years Into County History

Few Coffee Countians can trace their ancestors as far back in local history as Miss Gladys Clark, clerk of the circuit court. Over a century ago her ancestors moved into this region from Georgia and the county, Elba High and a high school in Walker County, where she stayed for a while with one of her sisters. Other education included a business school in Elba and one in Troy.

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Circuit clerk—Frances Smith (seated) is deputy circuit clerk of Enterprise. Gladys Clark (standing) is the circuit clerk and register of Elba.

books of the Court. Her duties are regulated and directed by thousands of state laws. Every paper or exhibit that comes into court must be filed and preserved.

At a regular term of court when the judge and jury heard the case, the judge reached a verdict in the case. The judge in a few words notes their findings. The clerk, from these notes, has to write into the minutes of the court, the judgment. And this judgment must be able to withstand the scrutiny of the most able defense lawyer. The Court of Appeals and sometimes the Supreme Court of the State.

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Bells Crossing

Dewey Mount and children of Baker, Fla. were brief visitors here last Friday. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Hudson who had spent some time there. Edward Kendrick was a business caller in Elba last Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Q. P. Williams and

children from South Florida. Mrs. Alfred Hudson last Wednesday were Mr. & Mrs. Carl her mother, Mrs. Annie Galloway and sister, Mrs. Denver Chandler.

Wilson Graham of Sasser's Cross Roads called on his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Graham last Tuesday.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Ray Hollenhead of the Brooklyn community at Opp hospital June 21. Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Kendrick are maternal grandparents.

Calling at the home of Mr. &

Old Ace Flies 'Swan Song' Under 15 London Spans

LONDON — Maj. Christopher Draper, 61, a World War I ace, had half a century of flying and a record of 15 London spans. The major died of a heart attack while flying a small plane and flew it under 15 bridges that span the winding river Thames between Blackfriars and Kent.

Major Draper explained his exploits: "Can you think of a better climax to forty-one years of flying? Then he telephoned the police and told them to be the person who had thrilled thousands. "It was my last-ever flight," he added. "I meant this to be a spectacular swan song."

The major's bridges have been a magnet for daredevil aviators since the early days of flying. In 1912, Sir Francis MacLean flew a plane under Blackfriars, Waterloo and Longford bridges. In January, 1922, Frank Miller flew between the Road Bridge and upper part of the London Bridge. He was fined \$200 for breaking the regulations about low-flying over populated areas.

But until recently no one had flown under fifteen bridges. The major's last flight was a 15-bridge span. He waited until the afternoon low winds to fly. He flew at low water level and no more than 50 feet clearance under the bridges; at Westminster Bridge it was forty feet.

Flying with a verge that brought screams from people sitting themselves along the embankment, the major used the center arch of each bridge. Several times he was seen to swoop within inches of the water.

Good Driving Habits Add Life to Tires

AKRON—By driving at 70 miles per hour on rural highways and roads, motorists will wear out tire casings about twice as rapidly as cruising at 40, tire experts report. They point out that high-speed driving is particularly destructive on hot, dry roads for it causes deterioration and wear.

The experts list these "tips" for motorists:

1. Maintain correct air pressure—not too much or too little—in tires at all times.
2. Rotate tires every 4,000 to 5,000 miles to obtain even wear.
3. Check tire pressure when tires are cool.
4. Avoid quick stops by careful use of brakes.
5. Avoid jack-rabbit starts.
6. Have front end aligned when tires show uneven wear and get wheels balanced.
7. Don't rub curbs and avoid chudobles. Fabric breaks may occur.

Swiss Villages Blend Two Ways Of Living

GRENOCHEN, Switzerland—Farm and industry leaders in the U.S. who have worked for many years toward the blending of rural living and city life cite Swiss communities as practical examples, one of which is Grenochen, located in the Jura mountains of north-eastern Switzerland.

Eight out of every ten wage earners of Grenochen's 12,000 inhabitants are employed in quality-watch factories, although the mood of the town remains wholly rural—without smoke or fumes which identify almost all industrial centers. For the modern factories of Grenochen are 100 per cent electrified.

As a settlement Grenochen dates from Celtic times and first appears in written history as a small grain-milling village. Watermills driven by the village brook created the village surrounded by rich farmlands—and it remains today essentially a farming community like any small New England or Middle Western agricultural town.

KINSTON NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Kite Carney and family of Columbus, Ga. are spending some time with Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Carney.

Mrs. F. H. Fair accompanied her sister, Miss Lura Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Felix Donaldson of Curtis, to Hinesville, Ga. to spend the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Dick Scott Gentry. Mr. Gentry is confined to his bed because of a heart ailment.

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Farm Debt Nearly 1940 Total, Report

WASHINGTON — Carl Colvin, deputy governor for the Farm Credit Administration, said recently that farmers' debts, exclusive of real estate, are now at a record high.

These debts have increased from \$2,400,000,000 in 1940 to \$2,800,000,000 in 1952.

Colvin told a meeting of the Federation of National Farm Loan Associations that farming conditions generally are good, but he advised caution in the use of credit.

Hydraulic gold mining near Fairbanks, Alaska, has uncovered frozen prehistoric animals. On one occasion, the head, trunk, and foreleg of a mammoth at least 15,000 years old were flown to the American Museum of Natural History in New York and put on display in a home freezer.

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SOCIALS

James Wise attended a style show of men's and boys' fall clothes in Birmingham last week.

Mrs. William Bullard spent Friday in Andalusia with Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bullard.

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Farris and Sandra are spending some time at their beach cottage near Panama City.

Ralph Johnson and sons of Charlotte, N. C. visited Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson.

Misses Anne Payne and Jimmy Harrison are visiting relatives in New Orleans and Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Zig Banks and children of Andalusia and Mrs. Mark Chambers and children of Brundage visited their parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Fleming.

Marlin Dyess is improving after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at Beard's hospital in Troy.

Mr. & Mrs. Dillwyn North of Ashford visited Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Whitman Friday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Taylor and children of Andalusia are spending the week at Lakeway Villa.

Mrs. C. M. West of Greenville spent last week with her sister, Mrs. John Bonneau.

Miss Josephine Foster of Falls Church, Va., was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. C. O. Alred last week.

Miss Annie Jim Dorman spent last week in Birmingham with relatives.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER, ELBA, ALABAMA

Misses Anne and Regina Armstrong of Dothan spent last Sunday with Miss Lillian Rowe and Mrs. Glennie Smith.

Miss Elsie Sellers of Montgomery spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mrs. Lander Currence and children of Greenville spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. S. Franklin.

Mr. & Mrs. James Ham and children of Birmingham are spending this week with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Ham.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Morrow and son have returned to their home in Ft. Meyers, Fla. after a visit with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Morrow. Frances Morrow accompanied them home for a two week visit.

Linda Cox of Atlanta is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Akins.

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. Bumpers Gadsden.

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Social Activities

Mrs. J. D. Whitman, Society Editor
Phone 330 or 493

Mrs. J. W. Moore Given Birthday Party

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. J. W. Moore met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Moore June 28 to celebrate her 78th birthday.

The noon meal was served buffet style to Miss Alice Moore, Mrs. W. H. Seagraves of Damascus, Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Henderson and son of Enterprise, Mr. & Mrs. Rufus McKinney of Clanton, Mr. & Mrs. Allen and children of Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Moore and children, Opp Rt. 3, Mr. & Mrs. George Wise of Elba, Mr. & Mrs. Malcom Davis and children of Elba, Rt. 3, and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Moore of Elba, Rt. 3.

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Mrs. M. L. Clark Installed at O. E. S. As Worthy Matron

Elba Chapter No. 323, O. E. S. met on their regular meeting night, Thursday evening, June 25 with Mrs. J. D. Whitman, W. P. president.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Luna Delle Ringo, secretary, and annual reports were made by the different committees.

Mrs. Whitman thanked the officers and members for their cooperation during her term of office. Afterwards, she and Mr. Whitman presented the chapter with a crystal punch bowl as a token of their appreciation.

Officers installed at an impressive ceremony were Mrs. Minnie Lee Clark, Worthy Matron; R. L. Farris, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Reba Miller, Associate Matron; Kermit Crook, Associate Matron; Condustrass, Mrs. Georgia Mathis; Associate Condustrass, Mrs. Mary Alice Whitman; Secretary, Mrs. Luna Delle Ringo; Treasurer, Miss Sallie Collier.

Chaplain, Mrs. Rena Mac Collier; Marshal, Mrs. Annie Lee Vaughn; Sentinel, P. G. Mathis; Warden, Mrs. Ovelia Parker; Ada, Mrs. Annie Ziglar; Ruth, Mrs. Catherine Spurline; Ester, Mrs. L. L. Parker; and Estelle, Mrs. Mildred Brunson.

Mrs. Evelyn Polson was installed officer and Mrs. Whitman, installing marshal.

A joyous social hour was held and a covered dish supper served.

The chapter presented a pair of lamps to Mr. & Mrs. Whitman as retiring officers. They expressed their appreciation.

their work at Opper 'Trailers' where both have responsible positions. They will reside in their home on Opp highway.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER, ELBA, ALABAMA

beginning at 8:30 A. M. at the LEGAL NOTICE

South Alabama Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, Troy, Alabama

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the membership of South Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 1953.

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FAMILY REUNION

The family of Mr. & Mrs. W. Rhodes celebrated Father's Day in picnic style at Lake Jackson in Florida. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. N. W. Rhodes, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Anderson and Bobby of Kinston, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. McCraney and children of Pascagoula, Miss T. J. Richardson, J. J. Sanderson, W. L. Stephens, E. C. Nevin and Charles Rowe of Elba made a business trip to Birmingham last Thursday.

Mrs. Tommy Donaldson and daughter, Charlotte, of Orlando, Fla. are visiting Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Goodin and family here.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Anderson returned to their home in Winter Haven, Fla. Tuesday after several days here with Mrs. M. D. Rigby who accompanied them to an Orlando, Fla. hospital for a major operation July 1.

DES INSTALLS OFFICERS
Mrs. Mattie P. Spears was installed as Worshipful Matron at the regular meeting of Bethlehem Chapter 473 O. E. S. Thursday night, June 25.

Other officers are: Worlthy Patron, N. W. Rhodes; Assoc. Matron, Marie Anderson; Assoc. Patron, Charles Mallory; Sec., Estelle Foster; Conductress, Laura Jennings; Assoc. Conductress, Mamie Goodin; Chaplain, Cora Jennings; Org., Willie

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Thursday, July 2, 1953

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Scripture: Romans 1-3
Textual Reading: Psalm 111.

God Is Righteous
Lesson for July 5, 1953

MAYBE it is because righteous is not a single word. (Is there any rhyme for it?) Maybe it is because the word has a hard ring to it in some ears. It seems to suggest something rigid and un-bending, like a poker or a fence-post. Anyway, for some reason or other, we do not hear much about God's being righteous. Words like "love" or "mercy" are used more often. We hear of the high God, the Father of all, the Almighty, or we hear of the loving Father of all. But we do not hear often enough of the God who is first and last and always the righteous God.

A Righteous God Or None
The Bible's God is a righteous God. But the writers of the Bible did not shiver when they wrote that word. They did not believe that God was a cruel, blood-thirsty deity. In fact, nobody who gives the question the serious thought it deserves would be interested in God if he were not righteous. An unrighteous God would be no God at all but a kind of devil. Righteousness means being right, first of all. It means seeing things as they are, seeing past the surface to the heart of things. No one who sees men and character dimly or crookedly can be righteous.

But righteousness is more than being right. It means being right in action. It includes being just and fair, though it is more than that, too. Some one might be fair because the rules compelled him to be. He might be fair to others so that they in turn would be fair to him. Righteousness means not only justice in act, but justice in desire. It means the love of justice and not only the practice of it. Righteousness—the Bible word—in addition, means dependability. The original meaning of the word was simply "straight."

Justice For All
God is like man in one respect. His actions speak louder than his words. The writers of the Bible, Old Testament and New, more often speak of God's righteous acts than of His righteous words. It remained for the Apostle Paul to sum up the case for God's righteousness. It is shown, he says—demonstrated, that is to say—in two ways. These two ways are enlarged on in the early chapters of Romans as well as elsewhere in Paul's writings.

First of all, the justice of God expresses His righteousness. God is no " respecter of persons;" in other words, He plays no favorites. Paul's own people, the Jews, had misunderstood what it meant to be the "chosen" people. They had supposed it meant they were God's favorites, though the prophets had long tried to explain that "chosen" meant chosen for service, appointed. Some people today think that "Nordics" or Americans or some other group God's chosen people. His favorites. His pets so to speak. No, the Bible teaching is that in God's sight all men stand on an equal footing.

Redemption For All
If this were all that could be said, we of the human race would be in a hopeless hole. As Paul shows, the fact that God treats all men alike in the long run, is no comfort at all; it only means that the verdict "Guilty" must be pronounced on us all. Comparing what we are with what we ought to be, just say much for ourselves. If God's righteousness were nothing but an even-handed justice, it would be a scolding flame. But it is more. The other way God shows His righteousness is in His mercy. In His coming to us in Christ, He has made salvation—that is, the freedom from the deadly whirling wheel of sin and destruction—He made this free to all. He forces mercy on no one. But if He offered mercy and forgiveness only to a selected few—or for that matter, only to a selected many—then while He might be called merciful He could hardly be called righteous. If God saved everyone, regardless He would still not be righteous. He saves those who have faith, that is, those who humbly accept what they realize they can never earn—the transforming love of God. For one of the glorious things about God is that He is not only righteous—He shares His righteousness.

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stalling officer assisted by Mrs. Sydney Fuller as Marshall and Mrs. Coston as Chaplain, both of Opp, and Miss Janice Mallory as Org.

Following the installation the chapter presented gifts to the installing officers and the Past Matron, Ruby Fair and Past Patron, N. W. Rhodes.

During the social hour cake, cookies and sandwiches were served.

Miss Ila Adams and Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Thrash, also Mr. & Mrs. Herley Adams and their nephew, Butch Harrison of County Line, attended a family reunion at Wayside Park near Crestview, Fla. Sunday. Miss Ila remained in Crestview to spend this week with Mr. & Mrs. Gene Adams and family and Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Adams.

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